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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on the bracket motion for LB 803. On for discussion, Senator Dierks. Senator Dierks. Senator Dierks, yes.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. President, I'd like to withdraw the bill, pass over the bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is passed over. No objection? Unanimous consent, it is passed over. Mr. Clerk.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN PRESIDING

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Mr. Clerk, new bills.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a new bill, LB 1137. (Read by title for the first time. Legislative Journal page 242.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: We next move to LB 824. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 824, it's a bill originally introduced by Senator Foley and others. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 17 of last year. At that time it was referred to the Judiciary Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Foley, you're recognized to open on the bill.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. In 1977, the Nebraska Legislature enacted LB 38, which was an act revising the Nebraska Criminal Code. The bill contained a findings section which declared, and I quote: It is an expression of the will of the people of the state of Nebraska and members of the Legislature to provide protection to the life of the unborn child whenever possible. Today, with this legislation, I present us an opportunity to do just that. LB 824 is an effort to provide legal protection to unborn human life outside of the context of abortion. The United States Supreme Court has consistently addressed the question of